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## A Message From Chris Ancelet N5MCY

### June 2020 Field Day:

We all understand that with the current state of affairs, many folks were unable to attend the AARA Field Day on June 27th and 28th. We also respect the decisions that many of you chose for this event. Whether you operated from home or attended the AARA Field day, I am certain that everyone made several contacts across the USA. The AARA would like to extend a special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Steve Webre for allowing their property to be transformed into an antenna farm for the 24-hour event. It was an absolute pleasure to set up in a low noise area and gain some additional function from your portable set up.

Overall the event was a success and we had a great turnout of over 25 people. When you combine Friends, Food, & Fellowship, you will always have a winning combination. We were spared by rain showers even though we had a few rumbles of thunder in the distance – we were not, however, spared from the heat and humidity.

We are looking forward to future club events and we certainly hope to see you there.

### Veteran's Day Special Event Station:

As of June 29, 2020, this event is still being viewed as a possible cancellation. Due to the COVID virus, the Veteran's facility has been keeping a close eye on visitation and at this point there is no end in sight. The staff has informed me that in the event they begin to relax the visitation restrictions, they will let us know because our presence is a big hit with the residents.

### July 2020 General Club Meeting:

We will be hosting the July General Club Net on Thursday July 2nd on the air. Please join us as we will begin taking early check-ins beginning at 6:30 PM until the start of the net. This will expedite time spent checking in and allow time for a Field Day recap and general club information.

**147.040 MHz + 0.600 PL 103.5 W5EXI**

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*July 2, 2020*  
*Will be On The Air*  
**VE Testing TBD [w5ddl.org](http://w5ddl.org)**

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### **GENERAL MEETING**

July 2, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

Meeting will be Over The Air

Lafayette, LA

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/>

### **Local 2-Meter Nets**

#### **Monday**

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM

147.040 PL 103.5 +0.600 Lafayette, LA

#### **Tuesday**

Region 4 SkyWarn Net 7:00 PM

145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

#### **Wednesday**

Silent Key Memorial Net 6:30 PM

146.820 PL 103.5 New Iberia, LA

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## **June 2020**



### **VE Test Session**

June 27, 2020

*Wasn't a large turn out for testing but we did wind up with an upgrade to General. The upgrades was Ronald Bertucci ~ KI5AGS ~ of Lafayette.*

*The VEs in attendance were Greg - K5LFT, Michael - KI5ARX & Chris - N5MCY (1st test session ever)*

*Great big TNX to the VES and congratulations to Ronald*



**73, de Greg ~ K5LFT**

### **International Postal Service Disrupted**

06/09/2020

The US Postal Service (USPS) has temporarily suspended international mail acceptance for items addressed to certain destinations due to service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This situation could result in the return or loss of mail, such as QSL cards, addressed to affected parts of the world. The USPS has posted a list of affected countries, which is updated regularly. The Postal Service will, upon request, refund postage and fees on mail bearing a customs stamp that's returned due to the suspension of service, or the sender may re-mail returned items with existing postage once service has been restored. When re-mailing under this option, customers should cross out the markings "Mail Service Suspended — Return to Sender."



**A radio amateur's call for help was relayed from across the Atlantic.** When Richard Tashner, N2EO, of Massapequa, New York, suffered a medical emergency on May 18, his DMR portable was closer than his phone. His call for help was answered by Maxis Johnston, GM0MRJ, who put out a call for "anyone in the States." Kent County Amateur Radio Club member Ken Dix, KB2KBD, in Delaware heard the call on the local 146.91 MHz repeater, which was linked to the North American talk group. Dix called authorities in Tashner's vicinity, and help was dispatched. Dix said the dispatcher in New York was able to hear part of the call and was amazed at how an amateur radio communication had gone from New York to Scotland to Delaware and then back to New York. The dispatcher expressed surprise at how quickly the information had been relayed across the Atlantic. -- Thanks to the ARES E-Letter via Jerry Palmer, N3KRX

## Indian Amateur Radio Volunteers Support Communication During Cyclones

News media in India report that amateur radio volunteers came to the aid of district officials during Cyclone Nisarga. The storm made landfall on India's west coast on June 3, leaving at least one person dead, but sparing the densely populated city of Mumbai.

"As all modes of communication collapsed in less than half an hour after severe Cyclone Nisarga made landfall, a group of nine independent ham radio operators using wireless communication became the eyes and ears for the district administration," The Hindustan Times reported. The paper said hams were on duty until the evening of June 5, when mobile networks returned in some areas. Hams were able to relay information regarding deaths, injuries, evacuations, and damage. The storm was reported to be the worst in decades.

In May, The Hindu reported that radio amateurs worked hand in hand with the Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force (ODRAF) ahead of Cyclone Amphan.

"Amphan tested what we had learnt from a simulation of a real-life situation during calamity on an uninhabited island without power and conventional telecommunication in Chilika Lake in 2019 and 2020," said Gurudatta Panda, VU3GDP, a member of the Amateur Radio Society of Odisha (ARSO).

ARSO members told the newspaper that the Odisha government should support and promote amateur radio to increase preparedness at the time of communication failure. ARSO has 25 members who regularly update their technology and operating skills, the paper said.

In early May during Cyclone Fani, ARSO members provided support to the public in Puri, when conventional telecommunications were cut after the storm made landfall. The hams were even able to set up an internet connection via ham radio to reach out to social media.

ARSO said an increase in the amateur population in Odish would benefit the government and the public in the cyclone- and flood-prone state.

"Educated youths, retired communication experts, and non-government organizations in all parts of Odisha can be motivated to take up amateur radio as a hobby to help their own community at the time of need," ARSO President Chandra Sekhar Patnaik, VU2CSF, said.

## **Rescued Radio Amateur Says, "Ham Radio Saved My Life"**

*ARRL Letter 25 June 2020*

Alden Sumner Jones IV, KC1JWR, of Bennington, Vermont, is thankful for amateur radio, after he suffered a medical incident and lost consciousness on June 15 while hiking with others along a remote section of the Long Trail, not far from his home. An EMT from Appalachian Mountain Rescue (AMR), who was hiking nearby, saw Jones pass out, but was unable to connect with 911 via his cell phone. Jones, 41, regained consciousness and was successful in contacting Ron Wonderlick, AG1W, via the Northern Berkshire Amateur Radio Club's K1FFK repeater on Mount Greylock. Wonderlick initiated what turned into an 8-hour effort to get Jones off the trail and to a medical facility, acting as a relay among Jones, emergency crews, and other agencies involved. As the Bennington Post reported, "The Vermont State Police also received assistance from several licensed amateur radio operators who helped facilitate communications, greatly assisting in the rescue."

A helicopter-supported litter carries Alden Sumner Jones IV, KC1JWR, to safety. [Vermont State Police photo via the Bennington Post]

Matthew Sacco, KC1JPU, headed to a staging area where rescue crews were gathering. When he could not make it into the repeater, he employed some ham radio ingenuity to fashion a J-pole antenna from some window line he had on hand, casting it into a tree using a fishing pole. That did the trick. An individual on site was able to obtain an accurate location for Jones using the GPS on his cell phone.

After it was determined that rescuers could not reach Jones using an all-terrain vehicle, arrangements were made to have a search-and-rescue crew from New York retrieve Jones by helicopter. Amateur radio participants were able to relay critical information, including an accurate location, as preparations continued.

Jones, meanwhile, took advantage of his time with the EMT and other rescuers to talk up amateur radio and explain how to get licensed. According to one account, rescuers were having trouble making contact with the helicopter, so Jones loaned them a better antenna he happened to have.

Jones was eventually flown to a hospital in Albany, New York, again taking advantage of the occasion to promote amateur radio to the helicopter pilot and crew. Jones is said to be recovering.

"Ham radio saved my life last night, and I am very thankful for how everyone helped me," Jones said afterward.

## Local 2-Meter Nets

**MONDAY**

*AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM  
146.820 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA*

**WEDNESDAY**

*Silent Key Memorial Net 6:30 PM  
146.820 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA*

**TUESDAY**

*Region 4 Skywarn Net 7:00 PM  
145.370 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA*

**THURSDAY**

*On-The-Air General Meeting 7:00  
147.040 +0.600 PL 103.50 W6EXI repeater*

## *AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net*

Net Controllers will rotate each week and held on the 146.820 W5DDL Repeater only.

The AARA Monday Night Net and the Silent Key Memorial Net is being held on the 146.820.

The July 2020 schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website. [Net Schedules](#)

## *REGION 4 SKYWARN NET*

Each Tuesday night at 7:00 PM (local), the Region 4 Skywarn Net will take place on the 145.370 Skywarn Repeater in Lafayette, LA. Net Control Operators will alternate each week.

In case the 145.370 repeater fails, the net will be held on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater PL Tone 103.5.

The July 2020 schedule can be found at this link: [Net Schedules](#)

When using the Skywarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8 - Central 103.5

See our website for additional information: <http://www.w5ddl.org/repeaters.htm>



07-02	W4SKNC	Eugene
07-04	KI5JMD	Jake
07-19	AI5O	Stephen
07-22	KI5DHC	Andrew
07-23	WB5GAF	Ralph
07-28	KE5AHD	Greg
08-06	W9HUT	Alton
08-07	KF5PCH	Jackie
08-09	KF5FNP	Glen

*Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing names to be missing from the list.*

*Don't forget to renew your membership by January 31<sup>st</sup>.*



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*Share the Fun ~  
Bring a Friend  
to be a HAM.*

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### ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

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**July General Meeting      July 2, 2020 7PM On W5EXI Repeater**  
**Check-in begins at 6:30 PM**

*For any additional information, check the [W5DDL.org](http://W5DDL.org) website*

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### **CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER OATMEAL COOKIES (Easy)**

Ingredients: (can be doubled)

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|--|--------------------------------|
| 1 Cup of brown sugar   | 3 Tablespoons white corn syrup |
| 3 Cups of oatmeal  | 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract  |
| 1 Cup of chocolate chip morsels (I use semi-sweet milk chocolate but you could use dark chocolate**. |                                |
| 1/2 Cup of margarine   | 3/4 Cup of peanut butter       |
| 1/2 Cup of roasted chopped peanuts or pecans   |                                |

Melt margarine and sugar in a saucepan. Add in all other ingredients and melt together under low heat or in a double-boiler. Drop by spoonful onto parchment paper and put in freezer. LO-CAL----HA,HA,HA

\*\*Note: Can use 1-3/4 cup of combined chocolate/peanut butter chips.

### ***FCC Information Service***

*Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/ vanity call signs: 1-888-225-5322 This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:*

*[ulscomm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscomm@fcc.gov).*

**FCC Website:**

*<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>*

*New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/ VEC at 860-594-3000.*

*<http://www.arrl.org/arrlyec>*

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